

The war in Iraq is the greatest foreign policy issue facing Congress today. It's time for a new direction in our policy there: I agree with the bipartisan Iraq Study Group that we need a timetable to redeploy our troops and turn the fighting over to the Iraqis.

I do not believe that we should escalate the war in Iraq. I'm working in Congress to investigate waste, fraud and abuse of government funds in Iraq. There will be no more blank check from Congress for the war in Iraq; there will be oversight and accountability.

As members of the Iowa National Guard redeploy on tours overseas, Iowans' thoughts and prayers will be with them and their loved ones.

This is the largest deployment of Iowa soldiers since World War II, affecting 2,800 Guard members and more than 30 communities in Iowa. While these brave men and women are both proud and honored to answer the call, it can be difficult and scary for families and loved ones. I am proud to represent Iowans willing to make the sacrifice and serve their country in a time of need. My office is here as a resource to any Guard members, family or Iowans affected by the redeployment before, during or after their service overseas.

For more information about family services, please visit the following websites:

[Military Homefront](#)

[National Guard Family Program](#)

Braley Visits Troops in Iraq

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2009-2010 Action

Sponsorship:

- H.R. 3736, Combat Pay Tax Flexibility Act of 2007
- H.Res 568, Honoring and expressing gratitude to the 1st Battalion of the 133rd Infantry ("Ironman Battalion") of the Iowa National Guard
- H.R. 3381, Fair Pay for America's Troops Act
- H.R. 1541, Coming Together for Guard and Reserve Families Act (co-introduced by Senator Harkin)

Co-sponsorship:

- H.R. 1, Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007
- H J Res14, Concerning the use of military force by the United States against Iran
- H.Con Res. 33, Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not initiate military action against Iran without first obtaining authorization from Congress
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- H. Res 97, Providing for Operation Iraqi Freedom cost accountability
- H.R. 484, Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act
- H.R. 787, Iraq War De-Escalation Act of 2007
- H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residency Relief Act
- H.R. 1203, Federal and Military Retiree Health Equity Act
- H.R. 1283, Military Readiness Enhancement Act
- H.R. 2956, Responsible Redeployment from Iraq Act
- H.R. 3298, 21st Century Servicemembers Protection Act
- H.R. 3787, To deem certain reserve component service as active service for VA

- H.R. 3990, Military Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Act
- H.R. 4042, Small Business and Military Family Assistance Act
- H.R. 4693, Military Spouse Job Continuity Act of 2010
- H.R. 4764, Military Spouses Employment Act
- H.R. 5015, To require a plan for the safe, orderly and expeditious redeployment of United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan